February 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Joyce Hudson Council Members Jeff Kennedy

Verlin Janssen J Buddenberg Jay Richeson

City Administrator Gary Greer
City Clerk Misty Bussinger
City Attorney Mike Bacon

Press: *Gothenburg Leader* – Ellen Mortensen

Also present: Shane Gruber-Services Director, Noah Dea-Parks Director, Charles McGraw-Ryde Transit Director

Mayor Hudson opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Advance notice and a copy of the agenda were given to the Council and members of the press. City Council meetings are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is available for public inspection on the north wall of the Council Chambers.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Janssen moved, Kennedy seconded, approving the consent agenda that included:

Council Minutes – February 2

Police Report - January

Approve payment of \$119,075.00 to Miller & Associates for 126-A1-038 Gothenburg Paving & Infrastructure Improvements Ave I Capital Project

Planning & Zoning minutes – February 9

Approve payment of \$25,441.00 to Paulsen for App#6 -Final for 18-TD-003

Approve Drawdown #12 for 18-TD-003

Approve payment of \$2,660.20 to Goth-05 and Eickmeier Construction for OOR 16-HO-33067

Approve payment of \$266.02 to CDS Inspection for OOR 16-HO-33067 Approve Drawdown #36 for OOR 16-HO-33067 Approve EDA Request for Reimbursement #4 for Westside Water/Sewer Improvements Proj#126-D1-017 Library Statistical Report – January Treasurer Report - January

Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

CLAIMS:

Richeson moved, Kennedy seconded, allowing payment of claims against the General Fund \$48,906.79; Enterprise Fund \$381,479.40; February 10 payroll of \$43,475.61; and the Payroll Transmittals of \$19,280.70. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

General Fund Claims: ALLO COMMUNICATIONS LLC \$74.06; ARAMARK \$87.18; Cardmember Service \$937.20; CASELLE, INC. \$310.00; CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT \$25.32; EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC \$201.33; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$608.23; I.D. CHECKING GUIDE \$47.00; INGRAM BOOK COMPANY \$305.64; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL / FARM PLAN \$10.69; Kenneth Olson \$375.00; LIBRARY \$28.14; Noah Dea \$1,739.50; Sharon Abbott \$15.00; SYNCB / AMAZON \$142.69; TRI-CITY TRIBUNE \$31.50; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$732.51; 02/12/2021CELL PHONE REIMBURSEMENT – ACH \$300.00; Black Hills Energy \$124.26; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,830.69; Crown Services \$2,550.00; CUBBY'S CORPORATE OFFICE \$278.30; DAWSON PUBLIC POWER DISTRICT \$114.78; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$527.48; EASTSIDE ANIMAL CENTER \$115.00; Gothenburg Leader \$102.60; GOTHENBURG TIMES \$682.64; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$1,442.34; IDEAL LINEN \$56.86; NEBRASKA SALT & GRAIN \$8,439.48; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC \$1,144.50; PAULSEN INC \$8,242.31; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$5,102.63; Quadient Finance USA, Inc \$1,000.00; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$220.29; VAN DIEST SUPPLY CO \$10,308.58; VISION CARE DIRECT \$653.06.

Enterprise Fund Claims: ARAMARK \$184.46; CARDMEMBER SERVICE \$691.31; CASELLE, INC. \$858.00; HARTFORD GROUP BENEFITS \$176.10; JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL/FARM PLAN \$769.25; NUTTLEMAN FENCING, INC. \$2,756.80; REX ROBISON \$16.06; TATTLETALE PORTABLE ALARM SYSTEM INC \$720.00; WESCO DISTRIBUTION INC \$321.00; YMCA OF THE PRAIRIE \$413.37; BLACK HILLS ENERGY \$1,509.23; CITY OF GOTHENBURG \$46,566.66; COUNTRY PARTNERS COOPERATIVE \$1,003.60; COZAD SERVICES, INC. \$1,974.06; DAN'S SANITATION, INC \$2,426.70; DULTMEIER SALES \$432.00; DUTTON-LAINSON COMPANY \$1,089.34; EAKES OFFICE SOLUTIONS \$168.61; GOTHENBURG TIRE & SERVICE \$18.00; HICKEN LUMBER CO.

\$253.70; ISLAND SUPPLY WELDING CO. \$109.12; NEBRASKA PUBLIC POWER \$299,053.27; OLIVER CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. \$22.50; ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC. \$45.01; PERFORMANCE TRUCK \$89.79; PETERSON'S SUPERMARKET \$302.60; PONY EXPRESS CHEVROLET \$705.85; PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION \$9,581.60; RICHARD A SMITH \$103.01; S & S AUTO PARTS INC. \$558.44; SCHABEN SANITATION INC. \$4,246.85; SPARKY'S ELECTRICAL SERVICE \$100.00; T. DINSDALE \$1,120.91; TRYON WELDING \$229.32; USA BLUEBOOK \$59.56; VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY \$2,743.20; VISION CARE DIRECT \$60.12.

Payroll Transmittal: INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES \$12989.91; MASS MUTUAL \$5,918.32; NEBRASKA CHILD SUPPORT \$372.47.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS:

Greer stated the City Clerk had several hours of training in past couple weeks and was proud of training progress.

Greer stated proud of Nate Baker for the actions he took to keep the hospital and nursing homes supplied with minimal interruption during the rolling power outages.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Charles McGraw introduced the request for local match funds for the Ryde Transmit Public Transportation in the amount of \$1,260.00 for 2021-2022 program. McGraw stated this is public transportation route from Lexington to North Platte to get individuals to doctor, specialist, shopping amongst other things. McGraw stated last year's boarding was at 456 where prior year was 588. McGraw stated that since there was less boarding, they are distributing \$400.00 back to City of Gothenburg for unused funds for previous year.

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Janssen seconded, to approve Resolution 2021-4 for Local Funding Match for Ryde Transit Public Transportation. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Gruber discussed the quote from Pony Express for 2021 Chevrolet Pickup that was a budgeted item for \$50,000.00 but with the bid assistance of \$8,900.00 was able to purchase the truck for \$34,100.00. Gruber stated that it is a 1 ton, automatic, 4-wheel drive, short box, extended cab which will be used in the Parks division.

After no further discussion Janssen moved, Richeson seconded, to approve purchase of 2021 Chevrolet Pickup. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Greer introduced the Fire Department roster with change of officers.

Fire Chief Mark Ballmer
1St Ast Chief Mark Ostergard
Ast Rescue Captain Mike Wagner

Trustee Rick Crown
Rescue Captain Jason Wagner
President Adam Finke
Trustee Jon Hudson
Treasurer Trevor Anderson
Vice Pres/Training Jared Rickertsen

2nd Asst Chief Matt Farr Secretary Shane Max

Trustee Cameron Bullock

¹/₄ Master Riley Kort

After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, to approve fire department roster. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Dea introduced the bids for the downtown planters for 3 years 2021, 2022, and 2023. Kennedy stated he will abstain from vote because of conflict of interest. Dea stated he sent out bid advertisement last week of January to both Gothenburg papers. Dea stated that he received one bid from Kennedy Landscaping for \$4,956.00 and \$300.00 care plan and the bid was within the budgeted amount. The council discussed the \$300.00 care plan charge was for caring for planters in the absent of the city employees not maintaining and that those charges will only apply if needed. Janssen recommended the bid be more descriptive on what the care plan all includes. Richeson stated the downtown planters look great.

After no further discussion Richeson moved, Janssen seconded, to award bid the downtown planter bid to Kennedy Landscaping for the years of 2021-2023. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none. Abstain- Kennedy.

Mayor Hudson introduced the Automatic Renewal of liquor licenses. Clerk Bussinger stated there has been no concerns stated. After no further discussion Kennedy moved, Buddenberg seconded, approving the automatic renewal of liquor licenses:

Pete's Lounge	Class I
T Walker's on Main Street	Class IB
Lakeside Lanes	Class IB
OK Bottle Shoppe	Class DK
Cubby's Truck Plaza	Class D
Cubby's Express	Class D
Peterson's Supermarket	Class DK
Bar-W Lounge	Class ID
Kwik Stop #26	Class D
Pizza Hut	Class A

Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Buddenberg moved, Richeson seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. Roll call vote: Yea –Janssen, Kennedy, Buddenberg, Richeson. No – none.

Joyce Hudson, Mayor	Misty Bussinger, City Clerk